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Improvement of the local varieties of tobacco.

*1045 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether the Department of Industries have made any proposals regarding the improvement of the local varieties of tobacco and the development of the cigar trade in this Presidency, and if so, what they are?

A.—The Director of Industries suggested that in order to develop the cigar trade, it will be necessary to produce a leaf of better quality, milder flavour and finer texture. The suggestion is now under the consideration of the Director of Agriculture.

*Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"Is the hon. Minister aware that in Pusa experiments have been made and have proved successful in the production of a leaf of better quality and finer flavour and whether he is prepared to start experiments in this Presidency on those lines?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"I am not aware of it, but I will look into the matter."

Loans under the State Aid to Industries Act.

*1046-A Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state— 11-45 a.m.

(a) whether any applications have been made for loans under State Aid to Industries Act by those who are engaged in the cottage industries;

(b) if so, how many;

(c) whether any loans were granted to them;

(d) if the answer to clause (c) is in the affirmative, to whom, when, and how much; and

(e) if the answer to clause (a) is in the negative, the reasons for the scarcity of applications?

A.—(a) No.

(b), (c) & (d) Do not arise.

(e) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the Statement of Objects and Reasons annexed to the State Aid to Industries Act (Amending Bill) recently passed by the Legislative Council.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state why there are no applications at all from those engaged in the industry?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"The question has been answered."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"Has he enquired into the reasons?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"The Government do not make enquiries in such cases. It is for the people who require aid to apply for it"

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"Is the absence of applications due to the conditions attached to the grant of loans?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Not that I am aware of."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" Did the Government help to start any cottage industry under the State Aid to Industries Act ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Not yet, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government have framed any rules in regard to the giving of aid to cottage industries, whether such rules have been published and whether under those rules applications have been received ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The matter is under consideration."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" What are the existing cottage industries, I mean the nature of the industries that are existing at present ?"

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question does not arise on this."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire what steps have been taken for popularising the new provisions of the Act for bringing home to the people the advantages which this new Act confers on the people in the development of cottage industries ?"

* The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The Act has been published in the Gazette."

Loans under the State Aid to Industries Act.

* 1046-B Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any applications for aid from co-operative societies and small industrial concerns have been received since the passing of the amendment to the State Aid to Industries Act ; and

(*b*) how such applications have been disposed of ?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Assignment of Lands

Report of the Board of Revenue regarding the disposal of lands in Nedungal Reserve.

1047 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, with reference to the answer to question No. 204 answered on 6th September 1928—

(*a*) whether the report called for from the Board of Revenue regarding the disposal of lands in Nedungal reserve has since been received ; and

(*b*) whether Government will be pleased to lay the same on the table of this House, together with the final orders of Government in the matter ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A copy [a] of G.O. Mis. No. 2211, Revenue, dated 25th September 1928, containing the reports of the Board of Revenue and the Collector is laid on the table.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 131–134 infra.